

What does the Lord require?

for Assembly, Cantor, Choir, Guitar & Keyboard
Words from Micah 6 & Matthew 12

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Refrain

What does the Lord re-quire? On-ly this, on-ly this: to act with jus-tice, to

F Dm Gm/B^b C F Dm Gm C B^b A4 A

love with ten-der-ness and to walk humb-ly with your God; and to walk humb-ly with your

Dm C F Gm B^b Dm Gm C

repeat refrain to verses last time

God. God. God.

F Gm/F F Gm7 Dm C F C F

Verses

1. Bles-sed are the poor in spi - rit, the king - dom is theirs.

2. Bles-sed are the meek, the earth shall be theirs.

3. Bles-sed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy will be theirs.

4. Bles-sed are the peace - ma - kers, the chil - dren of God.

5. Bles-sed are you when peo - ple hate you and curse you in my name.

F Dm Gm Gm6 D B \flat C Am6

Bles-sed are the ones who mourn, for they shall be con - soled.

Bles-sed all who seek what's right for they will be filled.

Bles-sed are the pure in heart, for they will see. God.

Bles-sed all who live for truth, the king - dom is theirs.

Re - joice and be glad, your re - ward is great in hea - ven.

Gm C7 F A Gm C Gm7 C4 C

Original Verses

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 2. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
 3. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
 4. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 5. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

F Am B^b/D Gm6 F/A

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comfort-ed.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the king-dom of hea-ven.
 Rejoice and be glad, for your re-ward is great in hea-ven.

Gm Dm Gm C4 C

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Note

This song is about God's call for us to live just lives. One possible use is for celebrations of the saints.

The Refrain could be used on its own.

The song was revised in 2014 to provide a melody for the verses which required adapting the text. For those who prefer a straight scripture version of the Beatitudes the Original Verses are included. In the Original Verses: the ante-penultimate bar (*for, for, for, for theirs is, for your re-*) will in the first three verses be only the length of a quaver.

Assembly edition

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